



Wyoming Department of Health
Aging Division

Policy Information Notice

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SUBJECT: OAA Nutrition Program – Participants, Spouses, Paying the Full Cost of the Meal

TO: Aging Division Contractors serving AoA Title III C1 and C2 Meals

This Policy Information Notice (PIN) provides guidance related to the provision of spouse meals at Elderly Nutrition Program meal sites. This PIN addresses the following topics:

1. Participation in the OAA Nutrition Program
2. Spouse Meals
3. Data and Forms

Definitions

AoA = Administration on Aging

AGNES = Aging Needs Evaluation Summary

OAA = Older Americans Act

SAMS = Social Assistance Management System

Title III-C = OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program

Title III-C1 = Congregate Meals (OAA - AoA)

Title III-C2 = Home Delivered Meals (OAA - AoA)

Per the guidance and direction of the Administration on Aging and the Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 339(2)(H) and (I):

1. The following persons may participate in the OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program:
 - A person aged 60 years of age and older
 - A spouse of any age who is accompanied by a participating person aged 60 years of age and older
 - Disabled individuals, who reside in housing facilities for the elderly where a congregate site exists

The Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 339(2)(H) and (I) allows nutrition project administrators the option to offer a meal, on the same basis as meals provided to program participants to:

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- Individuals providing volunteer meal services during the meal hours
- Individuals with disabilities who reside at home with older eligible participating individuals

Who may NOT participate in the OAA Nutrition Program?

- Homebound disabled individuals who do not live in senior housing , are not living with an eligible participant, and who have not attained the age of sixty may not participate in the Title III-C1 or Title III-C2 meal program, aka the OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program
- Spouses of non-participating individuals, who are less than 60 years of age, may not receive OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program meals
- Spouses, under the age of 60, who are not accompanied by their eligible participating spouse, may not receive OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program meals

2. Participation at the meal site is provided to individuals who are 60+ and their spouse of any age who **accompany** them. At the discretion of the provider, services may be provided to an eligible spouse under age 60 when they are not accompanied by their eligible spouse; however, those services cannot be counted as an OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program meal. In this situation, the eligible spouse under age 60 shall pay for the meal based on the nutrition project's internal policy. Under no circumstances shall ineligible meals be paid for with OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program funds.

3. Recipients of OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program meals shall provide the necessary and required AGNES and SAMS data. If a recipient fails or refuses to do so, services may be provided, but the recipient shall pay for the meal based on the nutrition project's internal policy. This provision applies to meal volunteers and any other person who is not eligible under the OAA (AoA) Nutrition Program.